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PARIS CONFERENCE.

EXPERT ADVICE ON DISARMAMENT OF GERMANY.

MEAGRE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE.

PARIS, January 24.

A communique states that at the first meeting of the conference M. Briand, who welcomed the delegates, briefly outlined the agenda, and then proceeded to the question of disarmament where upon the following technical experts were introduced:—For France, the Minister of War, M. Barthou, and Marshal Foch, assisted by Generals Weygand and Nollet; for Britain, Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson and General Bingham; for Belgium, General Marietti, Marshal Foch summarised in conclusion the report of the committee which met at Versailles on December 30 and explained the present situation in Germany as regards troops and armaments. Generals Bingham, Nollet, and Marietti also spoke.

LATER.

A communique states that the afternoon meeting lasted three hours. The conference decided that military, naval, and air experts should meet to-morrow under the chairmanship of Marshal Foch to draw up the measures which remain to be taken by Germany to secure complete execution of the Peace Treaty as regards disarmament. These will be reported to the conference.

To-morrow's sitting will be devoted to an investigation of the conditions in Austria and thereafter to the affairs of Greece and the East.

LESS ACCOMPLISHED THAN HOPED.

PARIS, January 25.

The participants in the conference are reticent but from the fact that the agenda is so arranged as to dispose of the least controversial questions first in the opening days, the meeting has apparently accomplished less than was hoped. It seems that the British favoured consultation with the Germans before confronting the latter with the final disarmament decision, but M. Briand opposed the other delegates and suggested a compromise, urging the immediate determination of policy but permitting the Germans to state their views regarding methods of carrying out the terms. It is generally considered that the last named is most likely to be the course subsequently adopted.

To-morrow's agenda includes the economic reconstruction of Austria in connection with which the French have prepared a scheme upon which the highest hopes of a favourable agreement are based.

FRENCH SATISFACTION.

PARIS, January 24.

French sources indicate that French representatives are quite content with the progress made in the disarmament question. The opinion prevails that an Allied note will grant an extension of two or three months of the time within which Germany must conform to her disarmament undertakings.

LONDON, January 24.

Sir Auckland Geddes is going to Paris to-morrow.

PARIS, January 24.

Mr. Winston Churchill has departed for London.

8-HOUR DAY AT SEA.

INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING FEDERATION CONFERENCE.

A SIGNIFICANT MEETING.

BRUSSELS, January 24.

At the International Shipping Federation meeting here the British delegates are Messrs. Havelock Wilson and Cuthbert Laws, representing respectively the seamen and the shipowners. The meeting to-day discussed the eight hour day. The meeting is significant because it is the first time in the history of labour that two international organisations of employers and employed have met to discuss terms of agreement relating to conditions of labour. It is possible that the conference will not arrive at any binding conclusions as a number of organisations of shipowners and seafarers are not represented, necessitating the calling of a further conference. The main object of the two parties at present is to solve the difficulties which prevented the International Labour Conference, at Genoa last year from arriving at a draft covenant for submission to the parliaments.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK.

EUROPE'S ENORMOUS DEBT TO UNITED STATES.

AMERICAN EXPERT'S VIEWS.

WASHINGTON, January 25.

Dr. George Warren, professor of economics at Cornell, giving evidence before the House of Representatives ways and means committee, predicted Europe's debt to the United States in 1925 would amount to 20 billion dollars. He said that European business men now owe American firms nearly four billions of dollars. Europe must continue to send her products irrespective of the United States import duties. He expressed the opinion that the rate of exchange would not improve yet and would tend to increase the European debt.

U. S. DIPLOMATIC SERVICE.

EMBASSY IN CHINA INSTEAD OF A LEGATION.

WASHINGTON, January 24.

The sub-committee of the House of Representatives, in presenting the budget for the diplomatic and consular service for the ensuing fiscal year, recommended a reduction of 25 per cent. in the estimates on the ground that the emergency committee provides for an embassy in China instead of legation; also separate legations at Vienna and Budapest in view of the separation of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

GERMAN SECURITIES IN AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, January 24.

The Supreme Court has upheld the authority of the custodian of alien property to seize securities deposited in the United States by German insurance companies to protect their American policy holders.

THE DOLLAR.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

INCOME-TAX DECISION.

LONDON, January 24th.

The Board of Inland Revenue has ruled that payments as compensation for loss of exchange so far made to officers and others stationed in countries where the rate of exchange is unfavourable to Great Britain are liable to income-tax, and should be included in the assessments. The recipients' total assessable income will be reached by conversion into sterling at the current official rate of exchange of the gross total number of units (dollars on the China station and rupees on the East India station) actually issuable in respect of emoluments normally assessable to income-tax.

The decision comes into force from April 1st, 1920, and applies to all such payments already made, or which fall to be made, to both naval and civil personnel in respect of the period beginning then.

FORD MOTOR CO.

LONDON, January 24th.

In connection with the New York correspondent's report that Ford Motors are negotiating for a loan of fifty million dollars, the "Times" New York correspondent says that financial chiefs estimate that the Ford Company need about \$25,000,000 to pay off loans (\$7,000,000 from banks and \$18,000,000 to pay taxes) and to supply additional capital, mainly because the Ford Co. have sold the hands over \$7,000,000 worth of unused motor-cars for which there is at present no market. The reduction of the price of Ford cars stimulated sales for a short time, but the works were closed at the end of the year.

SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES.

LONDON, January 24th.

Sir Auckland Geddes has arrived in London.

SUBMARINE DISASTER.

LONDON, January 24th.

His Majesty the King has telegraphed to Mr. Walter Long: "I am deeply grieved to hear of the sinking of Submarine K5 resulting in the loss of the gallant crew. Please have my heartfelt sympathy conveyed to the relatives of the officers and men who perished."

REPARATIONS CONFERENCE.

PARIS, January 24th.

The Allied Conference opened in the historic Clock Hall at the Quai d'Orsay. It is the most important conference held since the Armistice. Marshal Foch and Field-Marshal Sir Henry Wilson conferred prior to the opening which indicates that the question of disarmament will be probably be first discussed.

PARIS, January 24th.

A Havas message says:—The papers are laying stress on the hearty union which greeted the Premier after the eloquent speech in the Chamber (defining the French policy). The papers ascribe it to the frankness with which M. Briand touched upon the difficulties of the present time, and express satisfaction at the fact that the Premier is assured of the support of Parliament. M. Briand, they argue, will thus have full liberty and authority to speak in France's name at the next Allied conference.

LONDON, January 24th.

The French expectations of the outcome of any Allied conference were never higher than they are to-day.

The "Echo de Paris" says that Germany will be given until May 1st to fulfil her disarmament obligations, after which penalties will be exacted in the event of non-fulfilment of the terms. The "Matin" asserts that Earl Curzon, yesterday, remarked to a French personage "You will be satisfied with this conference." The "Petit Parisien" says that Mr. Lloyd George insists on the necessity of fixing the sum of Germany's indebtedness, immediately and once for all.

The "Journal" declares that this augurs most happily for the success of the negotiations as it coincides with the view of the French Government.

RED PLOT IN GERMANY.

LONDON, January 24th.

In connection with the Berlin semi-official statement regarding the discovery of a Red army organisation it is pointed out here that reports of the discovery of a Red army in Germany constantly recur whenever there is a question of the disarmament of Germany.

MADAME LOTTIE GORDON'S CONCERT.

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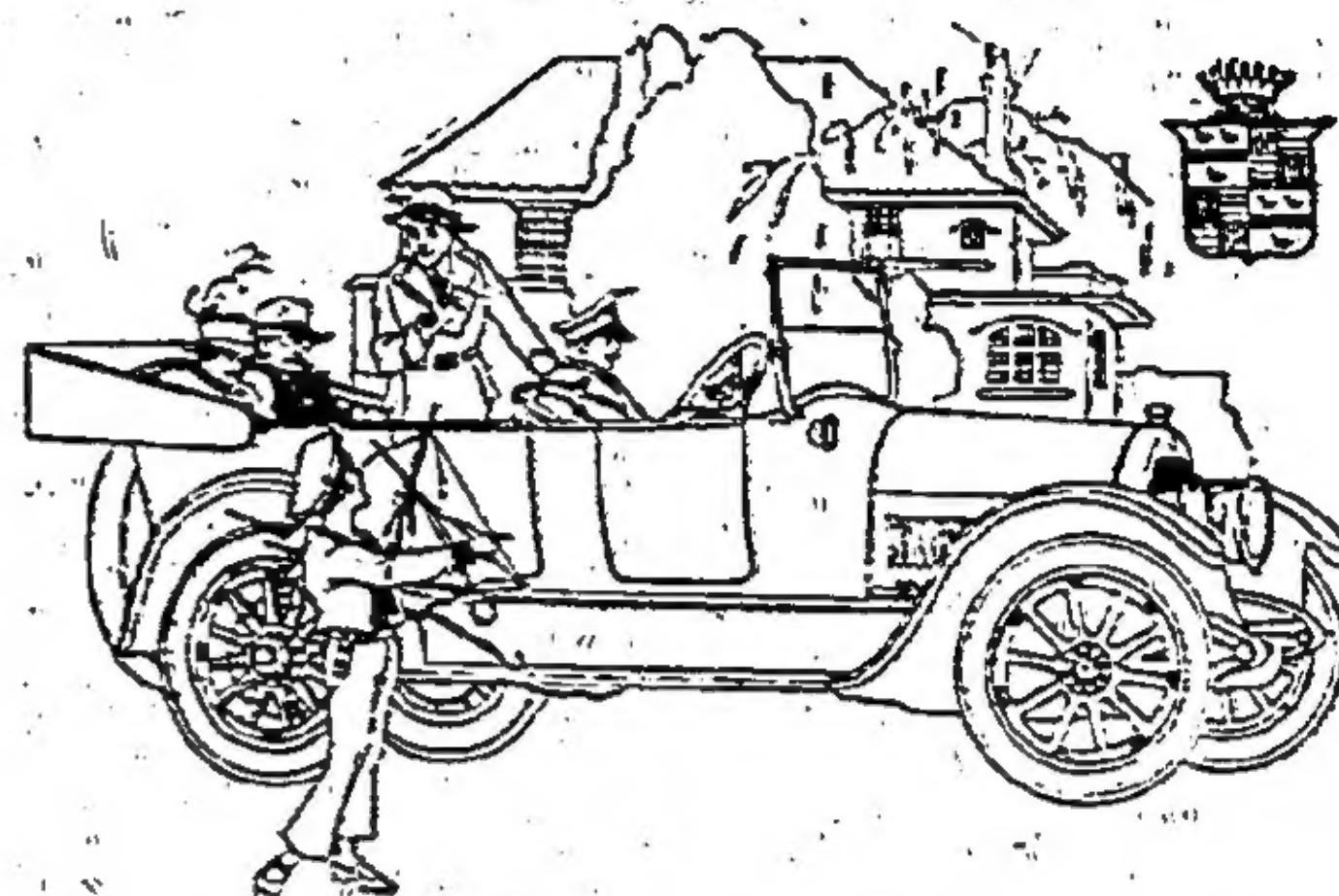
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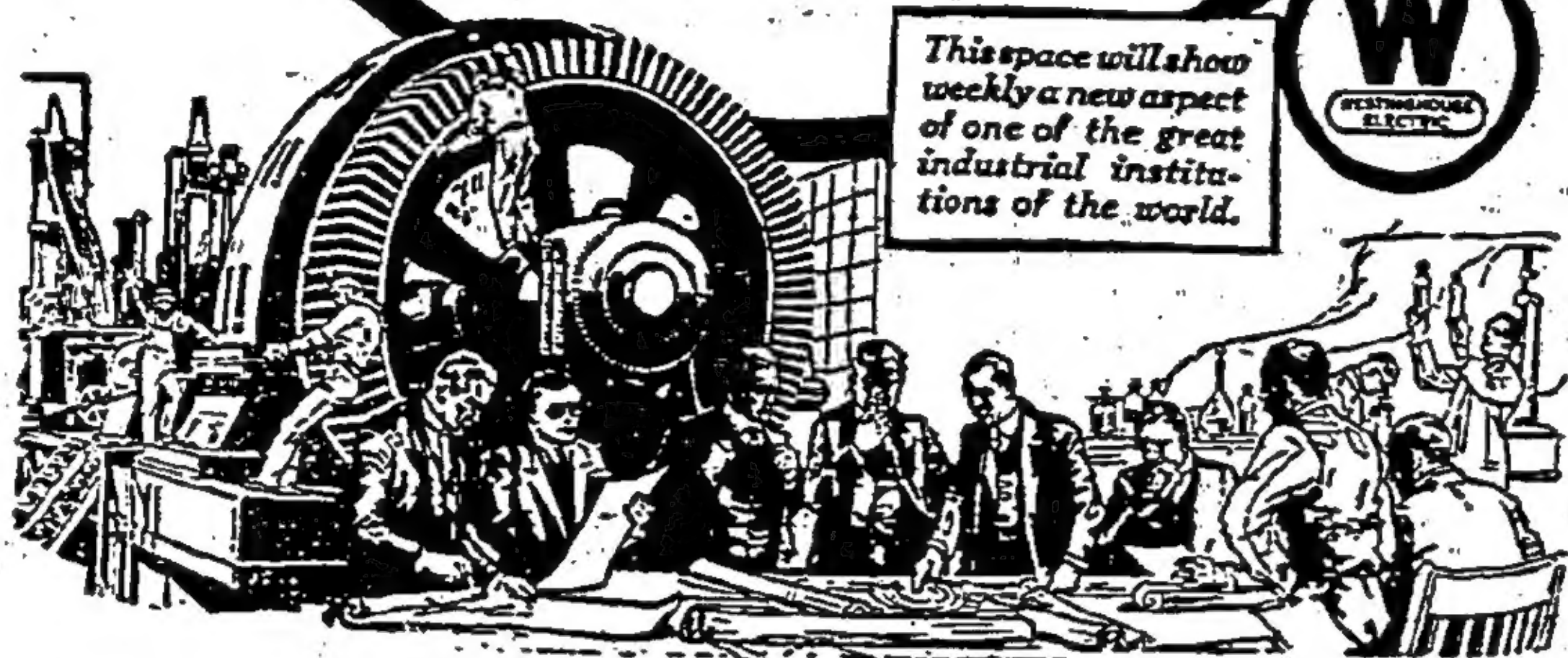
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THE EXECUTIVE AND REPRISALS.

MR. ASQUITH CALLS FOR IRISH ARMISTICE.

Mr. Asquith was the principal speaker at a London meeting, held in the Albert Hall, under the auspices of the Peace with Ireland Council. He was received with cheers, but had to meet many interruptions from Irish sympathisers who asked: "What about 1916?" He proposed the following resolution:—

This meeting records its profound detestation of the murders of police and soldiers in Ireland, and deplores the failure of the Government to secure the conviction of the murderers and to provide adequately for the safety of its servants. It condemns as immoral and ineffective the policy of reprisals which involves revenge upon the innocent for the sins of the guilty, and has resulted in the death of blameless men, women, and children and grave destruction of property belonging to the law-abiding population. It calls upon the Government to abandon all attempts to repress crime by crime, and demands immediate action to restore the supremacy of law and order and secure the pacification of Ireland and its reconciliation with this country.

Mr. Asquith, in the course of his speech, said: "When one asks the assent of a great gathering such as this to a resolution which affirms the simple proposition that the primary duty of a Government is the maintenance of law and order is to set the example of even-handed justice, one has to encounter a whole series of more or less plausible irrelevancies. The first and perhaps the most popular of them is, as it was put in the House of Commons by the Chief Secretary with a brutal directness which met, I need hardly say, with a resonant response, the challenge: 'Are you on the side of order or are you on the side of the assassin?' I am not on the side of the assassin. Crime is crime, cruelty is cruelty, barbarism is barbarism, from whatever quarter they proceed, and to whatever purpose they are for the time being directed.

I see that what is now being done is defended by reference to what occurred in Ireland during and after the suppression of the rising in 1916 (Interruption and a voice: "What about Sheehy-Skeffington?") The rising of 1916 was a case of open rebellion. Men were shot down on both sides in the streets, and, after it was over, those who were put to death—"Shame"—were, with a single exception to which I am going to refer, never put to death except after trial, evidence given and cross-examined, too, and due sentence for law pronounced. There was, I agree, one lamentable exception, the case of Mr. Sheehy-Skeffington. (A voice: "Three men")—and his two companions. These men were

arrested. (Further interruptions.) Do you want me to speak to you or not? (Cries of "Yes.") Then listen. These three men were arrested, they were brought into the barracks, and, by the order of the officer-in-command, without trial, indeed without charge, they were shot. (Shouts of "Murder.") They were murdered, I agree. What was done by the Executive of the day? The officer who ordered the shooting was brought up for trial by court-martial on a charge of murder. He was found guilty; and he was not shot because he was insane. (Derisive cheers.) But we were not content with that. We appointed a Commission of Inquiry, consisting of three of the most eminent lawyers—Sir John Simon—(cheers)—an Irish Judge, Lord Justice Maloney, and the present Attorney General for Ireland, Mr. Denis Henry. (A voice: "It was your Government.") That Commission of Inquiry met in Dublin. It sat in open court for six days. It heard the evidence of, I think, something like forty witnesses. It pronounced the acts to be illegal and made a most valuable and exhaustive report. I should like to read one sentence of that report: "The shooting of unarmed and unresisting civilians without trial constitutes the offence of murder." (Cheers.)

MINISTERS' RESPONSIBILITY. No, the policy of reprisals and still more its condonation by the Executive of the day is a new departure, and in view of the public declarations of Ministers and the open incitements of that curious periodical called the "Westminster Summary"—(hisses)—which is circulated among the police from Dublin Castle, and, I regret to say, is subsidised by the British taxpayer, the officers and men of the constabulary and of the military forces have every right and every reason to think that the method of indiscriminate retaliation is regarded in the highest quarters as, to say the least, a thing to be regarded without undue disfavour.

We began in Parliament by asking for an independent and impartial inquiry. That was bluntly refused, and we were contemptuously rebuffed for our disposition to swallow idle tales which came from tainted sources. What happened? The evidence multiplied from day to day. It came from first-hand witnesses, of the highest and most unquestioned impartiality and competence. The Chief Secretary told us, after 40 creameries had been destroyed, there was not a tittle of evidence to connect the military or police with any act of destruction. We now know—and we know it from his own admission—that a fortnight before he made that statement in the House of Commons there was in Dublin Castle, in his own office, a police report which proved conclusively its untruth.

There is no disguising the fact that Ireland is in a state of civil war. What I want to appeal to you to say with me is let us have an armistice. Armistice is the first step upon the road to peace. (Cheers.) The resolution was carried.

HONGKONG "SLAVERY."

QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

"STAIN ON OUR NAME IN FAR EAST."

The following questions on the subject of Child Slavery in Hongkong were put to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on December 8 and 9:

Mr. A. Short asked whether, under the system of adoption in Hongkong, girls, who in return for a money payment are transferred by their parents to another household for purposes of domestic service, receive wages for such service, and, if not, what safeguards exist against their being regarded and treated as slaves by their employers?

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies (Lieut.-Colonel Amery): No, sir, wages are not paid, the children being regarded as adopted daughters of the house. Their status is well understood, and in cases of ill-treatment they are removed.

Mr. Walter Smith asked the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies whether any report regarding the question of slavery has been received from the Governor of Hongkong; and, if so, if it is the intention to publish the report?

Lieut.-Col. Amery:—Yes, sir, a report has been received. It is not in a form in which it could conveniently be published, I shall be glad to let the hon. member see it if he desires.

Lieut.-Colonel J. Ward: Does the hon. member propose to do anything, as a result of the report, to wipe this stain from our name in the Far East?

Lieut.-Col. Amery: Yes, sir. I think the hon. and gallant gentleman was not present in the House when, on a previous occasion, I stated that the Secretary of State suggested the formation of a strong local Chinese Committee to look after these adopted children, and to see that they are not ill-treated.

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NOTICES.

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The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 19th January to FRIDAY, 28th January both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
 Secretary
 to the General Agents.
 Hongkong, January 12, 1921.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, 28th January, 1921, at 11.40 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, January 19th to FRIDAY, January 28th both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
 Secretary
 to the General Managers.
 Hongkong, January 12, 1921.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, January 28th, 1921, at 11.50 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, January 19th to FRIDAY, January 28th both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
 Secretary,
 Hongkong, January 12, 1921.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

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The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 19th January to FRIDAY, 28th January both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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 Secretary,
 Hongkong, January 12, 1921.

THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office Victoria Buildings on FRIDAY, 4th February, 1921, at 12 O'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1920.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 26th January, to FRIDAY, 4th February, both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
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INTIMATIONS.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above Club will be held at the CITY HALL, HONGKONG, on TUESDAY, the 1st of February, 1921, at 5.30 p.m., to consider the question of admitting Ladies as Members & for Subscribers to the Club.

Should there be a majority of three-fourths (or approximately so) in favour of Extraordinary General Meetings will be called to pass and confirm resolutions making the necessary alterations to the Articles of Association.

By Order,
L. S. GREENHILL,
 Hon. Secretary,
 Hongkong, January 21, 1921.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, Hotel Mansions, on MONDAY, 7th February, 1921, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 25th January, to 7th February, 1921, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
 Secretary,
 Hongkong, January 19, 1921.

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NOTICE.

THE HULL CO-INSURANCE ASSOCIATION to whom is underwritten the Hull of the above Steamship the wreck (now lying in about 20 fathoms near Cape Yarela) has been abandoned HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that such wreck will be offered For Sale by AUCTION at 12 o'clock (noon) on the 28th day of January, 1921, by Messrs. LAMBERT BROS. at their Sales Rooms in Hongkong. Such cargo as may remain in the wreck will be sold at the same time, the proceeds of Hull and Cargo being kept separate. Any persons or corporations having any claims in respect of the proceeds of the cargo are required to send notice thereof to Messrs. LAMBERT BROS. before the 4th day of February, 1921.

Hongkong, January 7, 1921.

THE NATIONAL LOAN OF THE THIRD YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, (1914) \$16,000,000 AND SUPPLEMENTARY ISSUE OF \$8,000,000

AND
 THE NATIONAL LOAN OF THE FOURTH YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, (1915) \$24,000,000.

On the 6th June, 1917, the undersigned notified Subscribers to the above two loans that in pursuance of arrangements made with the Chinese Government, the loan service as regards interest payments would in future be adequately secured.

In regard to the redemption of the loans it was impossible at the time to make any announcement. The Moratorium of 1916 affecting the Loan Service, and, although drawings have been proceeded with as funds permitted, Redemption has been irregular and behind the scheduled dates.

Arrangements have now been made which will enable annual drawings of each loan to be undertaken until their extinction, in 1924 in the case of the 4th Year Loan and 1925 in the case of the 3rd Year Loan.

The Ministry of Finance will notify in due course the date of the drawings to take place this year with date and place of repayment.

F. A. AGLEN,
 Inspector General of Customs,
 Inspector General of Customs,
 PEKING, 14th January, 1921.

HONGKONG TRADE.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

FORMER U.S. CONSUL'S REPORT.

In the course of a recent report upon the trade of Hongkong in 1919, Mr. Geo. E. Anderson, the well-known American Consul-General, points out that the imports and exports rose by over 40 per cent. as compared with 1918, exceeding the billion dollar mark. For the first time in the history of the port comparative figures from official sources can be used, but they are still imperfect in that the returns for imports do not include imports from ports in China south of Swatow and some returns from Foochow, Swatow, and Amoy, all of which will reach a value of about \$12,000,000; bullion and other treasure for the first half of the year amounting in import and export to something like \$75,000,000; the value of the imports of sugar, or imports for the Army or Navy, or for the Colonial Government all such omissions totalling at least \$200,000,000. There has also been considerable trouble in the matter of exchange. The Hongkong figures are returned in pounds sterling, to which the Hongkong dollar valuations are reduced, at average rates by the quarter. These sterling returns have been reduced to American gold at the rate of \$4.75 to the pound sterling during 1918 and \$4.40 to the pound for 1919, these rates representing the average "cross rate" between New York and London on a Hongkong basis. On this foundation, and with these limitations, the imports of the Colony are returned as valued at \$398,867,515, compared with a value of \$289,435,186 in 1918, the figures for 1919 being estimated at \$200,000,000 and those for 1918 being something like \$100,000,000 below the actual value of the imports. The exports, which are returned as substantially complete except as to treasure for the first half of the year, were valued in 1919 at \$457,348,908 compared with a value of \$318,542,287 in 1918. The total imports and exports were valued at \$856,216,425, compared with a value of \$607,959,475 in 1918, or, with the omissions above noted in imports and treasure, an estimated total of \$1,056,216,425, compared with an estimated total in 1918 of \$707,959,475.

INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL ROBERT BURNS ANNIVERSARY DINNER will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, on TUESDAY, the 25th instant, at 8 o'clock, p.m.
 Members desiring to attend are requested to communicate with the undersigned.
 Cost of Dinner will be \$3.00 per head, exclusive of wines.

T. W. HILL,
 Hon. Secretary,
 HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY,
 Hongkong, January 18, 1921.

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ENTRIES for the above Championship ship close on the 26th instant to the Hon. Secretary.
 Entrance Fee \$2.00.
 Competitors are also requested to attend at the Club on the 26th instant at 6 p.m.

R. C. WITCHELL,
 Hon. Secretary,
 Hongkong, January 19, 1921.

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OFFICERS of the BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE, who would like to have sentalotted to them in the Cathedral at the unveiling of the above Memorial on SUNDAY next, Jan. 30, at 10.30 a.m. should send in their names before WEDNESDAY, evening next, to the Chaplain, the SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Hongkong, January 24, 1921.

HONGKONG WAR MEMORIAL.

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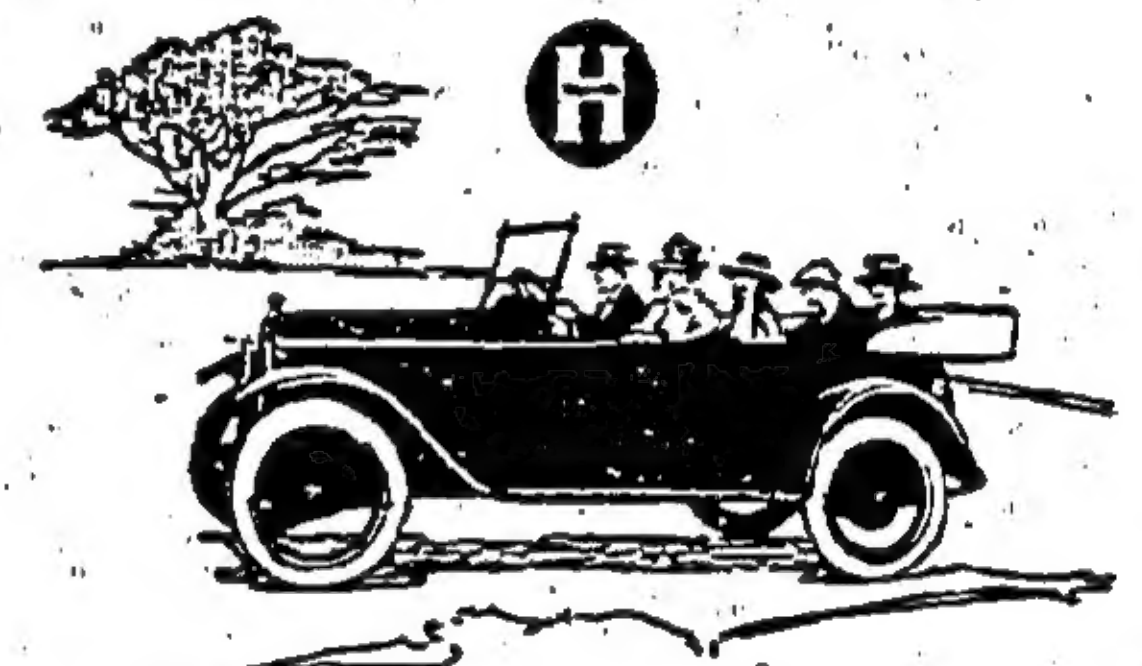
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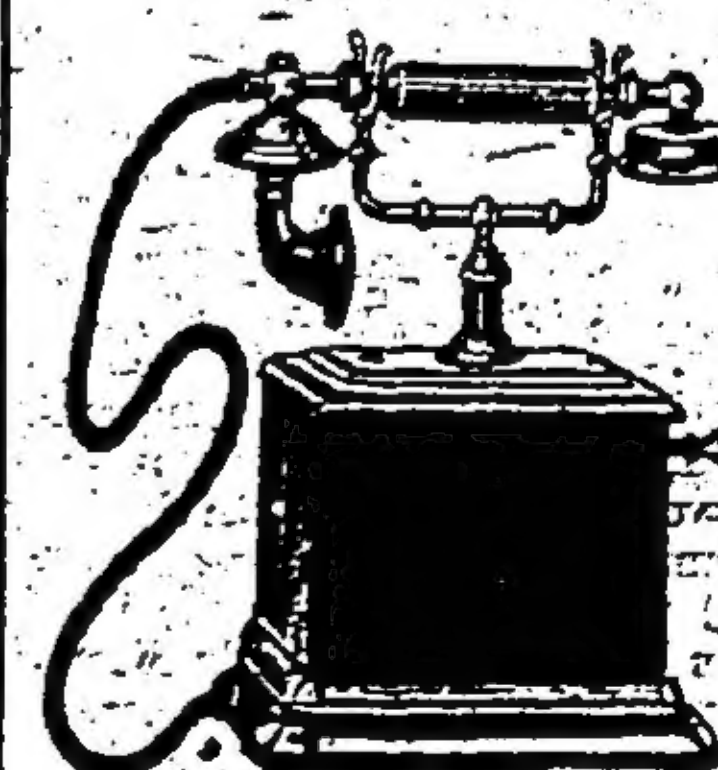
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BIRTHS.

MACFADYEN.—On Dec. 11, at
Wickham Manor, Severn,
Wendell, wife of Eric Mac-
Fadyen, a son.

MCINTYRE.—On January 9, 1921,
at Fairy Bank, Airdrie, Scotland,
to Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. McIn-
tyre, a son.

MULLER.—On January 17, 1921,
at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. E.
J. Muller, a son.

MARRIAGES.

WHITE-BURTON.—On Monday,
January 17, 1921, at Shanghai,
David White, son of Mr. David
White, Barrhead, Scotland, to
Kathleen Burton, daughter of
the late Charles Burton and of
Mrs. Burton, Wigan, Lancashire.

KINGSLEY-BENJAMIN.—On
Wednesday, January 19, 1921,
at Nanking, China, Oliver Silas
Kingsley to Daphne Hilda Ben-
jamin.

SANDBACH-HAYWARD.—On
Wednesday, January 19, 1921,
at Shanghai, Roland Miller Sand-
bach, to Elia Dorothy Hayward.

JACKSON-HARDINGE.—On
January 19, 1921, at Shanghai,
Percy Vernon Jackson to Frances
Raymond Hardinge.

DEATHS.

KING.—On Dec. 10, at Addiscombe,
Croydon, George King, late of
P. & O. Co., Madras and Singa-
pore, aged 86.

THOMSETT.—On Dec. 11, at
Southampton, Mary Susannah
Thomsett, eldest daughter of late
H. C. Thomsett, R.N., C.M.G.,
of Hongkong.

WILSON.—On January 7, 1921, at
Amoy, William Wilson.

STEPHEN.—On January 18, 1921,
at Chinkiang, Captain Robert
Stephen, aged 59 years, formerly
of the 1-C.S. "Suwo," and
latterly of the Ewo Huk "Chin
Ho."

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JAN. 25, 1921.

HONGKONG "SLAVERY."

The comments from *Truth* we
reprinted yesterday show that the
opinion regarding our local "slav-
ery" refers to two kinds, though
not all readers would notice that.
For our part, we are less shocked
by the one than by the other. The
evils of the "mui tsai" system
undoubtedly exist, though they are
being exaggerated. As certainly
the system has good in it, which
is, naturally enough, ignored by
those anxious to destroy it. The
China Mail at the moment is less
indignant against the "mui tsai"
system (which can be called either
slavery or adoption, as you please)
than against the system of intellec-
tual slavery to the imposition
of which the Hongkong Govern-
ment has been obliged to plead
guilty. If there has to be an
agitation, and we are to be con-
sulted, we will request our readers
of two evils to choose the bigger
for immediate attack. Mrs. Hasle-
wood wrote one letter to the local
Press about child slavery in Hong-
kong. Whether her views were
right or wrong, she had the right
to do so. She was not a govern-
ment servant, subject to the de-
partmental bylaw which forbids
communications to the Press. The
official warning to her husband,
Lieut. Commander Haslewood,
that unless he stopped his wife
from pursuing the subject, he
would be superseded and sent
home, was tyrannous and wrong.
It shocks us far more than the
"mui tsai" system does. The
Government's excuse that Mrs.
Haslewood's "letters" there was,
it appears, only one—were "caus-
ing annoyance to the Chinese com-

munity" cannot be upheld. The
Chinese also are divided on the
question of "mui tsai." In any
case, a community that is "an-
noyed" by opinion must learn not
to be. If it is to continue under the
British flag. The *China Mail* be-
lieves that it was a false excuse
anyway, trumped up as an alter-
thought. We suspect that the
Government itself was "annoyed"
at the prospect of getting more
work to do as a result of such ex-
posures. It thought it had more
power than it has, and it abused
its power. It is now in a hole, a
bad hole. We wish it this case
will force the issue as to whether
this Government can be allowed to
continue its attempted policy of
suppressing opinions it does not
like. We say "attempted policy"
for the reason that it is a policy
that has very evidently failed. The
Government, as we pointed out at
the time the *China Mail* wrote
believe, being the only paper to refer
to it then, lacked the foresight with
which to see that such an action
must operate against its own policy
of "hush." The Haslewoods are
busy "getting a bit of their own
back." There is no job which
provokes more enthusiasm, or is
more ardently pursued, than the
job of getting even. There used to
be talk of handing a *China Mail*
writer. He would have devoted
the rest of his time to making the
Government sorry. It is quite
easy. Local knowledge, discreetly
utilized in this right quarters at
Home, could make the Govern-
ment's bed here anything but one
of roses. The Haslewoods are
doing their best, and have made
a fair showing; but they are an-
noyed, and have not done all that
could have been done, by one
knowing how. However, they
have achieved enough to make the
responsible official sorry he ever
meddled with the rights of this
pugnacious lady. What we want
now is to rub it well in, so that
no similar attempt at Bolshevik
tyranny will be made again.

FRANCE AND ENGLAND.

Lord Derby spoke about France
and England last month to the
Manchester Chamber of Com-
merce. Although he advocated
with warmth, and in the interests
of peace, an alliance between
France and England, he made re-
ference to the violation of Eng-
land in some of the French papers,
and denied that these writers really
represented France which, he
maintained, is not militaristic.

The question whether France is
or is not militaristic does not now
concern us, though we could ven-
ture the assertion offhand that
Quakerism is not the religion of
the country.

The extent to which some
French journalists reflect the
opinion of the French people does
not enter, either, at this stage.
Perhaps the Quaid'Orsay does not
represent "the great heart of the
people" any more than these jour-
nalists do, or than Westminster at
present represents British public
opinion.

One thing is clear. Money talks,
in France as elsewhere. It is im-
possible to ignore the fact that the
Russian indebtedness to France has
counted and is counting in French
politics and in French opinion.
They would sooner shake hands
with the Germans than bow to the
Russian villains who threaten to
repudiate the Russian debt. There
was actually at one time a proposal
to enlist the aid of German troops
against the Russians. If Foch's
"army" did not actually
include Germans, we have misread
the papers of the period. France
was for Kolchak and for Denikin,
and would be for any new cham-
pion who promised to restore Tsar-
ism or such other Russian govern-
ment as might promise to pay the
Tsar's debts to French bondhold-
ers. It is natural enough, though
it is not something that is openly
admitted. President Wilson was
roundly abused in the French
Press because his doctrines threat-
ened the security of these invest-
ments. In the same way it abuses
the British Premier because of his
occasional lapses into idealism, or
into business common sense. It
hates any statesman who seems to
lack the courage to "cut off his
nose to spite his face," a gesture
that does not seem unworthy to
some angry French writers.

QUEER TRADES UNIONISM.

The National Union of Journal-
ists, unlike the Institute, is a trade
union. It is concerned chiefly with
higher wages and shorter hours.
This is quite right in the case of
factory labour, and other forms of
manual work, but a newspaper
office is not a factory. Newspaper
work is not work that can be stan-
dardized. It will be impossible to
"grade" journalists on any sys-
tem that will be fair either to
journalists themselves or to news-
paper readers. You cannot pay
genius and character a "stan-
dard" wage, nor can the rank and
file of merely capable journalists
expect the rewards of genius. Yet
apparently the National Union has

been trying on something of the
sort, to judge by an indignant pro-
test in the *Daily Mail*, which ac-
cuses it of proposing "to level
down the state of the profession by
a grading system suitable to a jam
factory or any kind of standardized
manual repetition work." So far
as the Northcliffe Press is concern-
ed, we are told that the Directors
have intimated that they would
"shut down" before they would
yield. To show that this is not a
"bluff," they mention that events
have proved that the temporary
stoppage of a virile deep-rooted
newspaper for weeks or months has
no permanent effect upon its posi-
tion. "We would have liked to be
told more about these "events,"
which are unknown to us. We
rather hoped the N.U.J. would per-
severe with its demands, and so
get the Northcliffe Press to fulfil
its threat; but in the same article
we see a remark that they were
"withdrawn." So we are easily
nuded. Much as we dislike the
company, we agree with the
Harmesworth Press: that such
"grading" cannot be done, so far
as our own job is concerned. In-
cidentally, the *Daily Mail's* last
paragraph may interest more than
journalists. It says:—
At the moment the outlook for
newspapers, with certain excep-
tions, is dark indeed. Unless there
is a great fall in the price of paper,
stoppages of some journals, and
amalgamations of others will be
inevitable in 1921."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The St. Andrew's Church Men's
Association will hold their first
annual meeting on Thursday, January
27, at 8.45 p.m., in the Church
Hall.

Notice is given to mariners by
Mr. Arnold Hotson, Harbour Master
at Canton, that the light-keeper's
hut and platform attached to Fen
Shui Tou Beacon have been destroyed
by fire. Pending re-erection, a fixed
Red Light will, as heretofore, be ex-
hibited from the Dolphin Beacon
which remains standing.

One case of paratyphoid fever,
Indian, was reported yesterday. Last
week five Chinese died from influenza,
two from cerebro spinal fever, one
from diphtheria, one from small-pox,
and one from plague. Two cases of
enteric fever, one British and the
other Indian, and one case of
diphtheria, Chinese, were also re-
ported.

Lady Stubbs has kindly consent-
ed to present the prizes at the
Bellios Public School prize
distribution to be held at Queen's
College on February 1, at 11 a.m.
Mrs. Severn has kindly consented
to perform the same office for the
Ying Wa College in the Y.M.C.A.
auditorium, on January 27, at 6 p.m.

The American Federal Wireless
Telegraph Company of San Francisco
is reported in a cable from Peking
to have signed on the 8th inst. a con-
tract to erect a powerful main-
wireless station at Shanghai, with
sub-stations at Canton, Shanghai,
Peking and Harbin, at a total cost of
\$4,000,000. These stations will be
under joint Sino-American operation,
and controlled by the Chiao Tung
which will cater for official and
public business. After ten years the
whole system will revert to the
Chinese Government.

It is understood that further
retirements from the Flag List of the
Royal Navy, either voluntarily or by
the operation of the non-service rule,
will take place shortly. When this
happens, certain officers who took a
distinguished part in the war will re-
ceive a step in rank. Amongst them is
Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick C.T. Tudor,
who was Third Sea Lord in 1914-17,
and afterwards Commander-in-Chief
in China, and who is now at the head
of the rear-admiral's list is Sir
Roger Keyes, while the senior captain
is now Ernest C. Hardy, formerly
Assistant Hydrographer of the Navy.
The advancement of these three
officers would leave at the top of
their respective lists Vice-Admiral
Sir Alexander Duff, Commander-in-
Chief in China; Rear-Admiral Sir
Cecil Lambert, Director of Personnel
at the Air Ministry; and Captain
Aubrey Smith, commanding the
battleship "Ramillies."

KINEMA NOTES.

CORONET PICTURES.

"RESPECTABLE BY PROXY."

The feature offering at the Coronet
Theatre beginning to-day is Sylvia
Breamer in "Respectable by Proxy."
The title suggests all sorts of clever
possibilities, and the picture if it is
done more than live up to them. It
is pronounced one of the most enter-
taining pictures that has come this
way in many a day. The rest of the
programme is up to the usual high
standard of the Coronet.

SUPPRESSED SCREAM.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE CRIME.

CHARGE AGAINST COOLIE.

The trial of Tong Tim, a coolie
employed at Government House, on
the charge of murdering an amah,
Chan Cheuk, in a bathroom at Gov-
ernment House on the night of Janu-
ary 2, began yesterday afternoon be-
fore Mr. R. E. Linsell at the Magis-
trate's Court.

Mr. Hazlegrave, assistant Crown
Solicitor, appeared for the prosecu-
tion; Mr. F. C. Lyson for the
defence.

Outlining the case, Mr. Hazlegrave
said that the body of the victim was
found on the morning of January 3
lying by a side path leading down
from the east gate of Government
House towards the Helena May In-
stitute. On examination, it was
found to bear marks of violence on
the neck, indicating that death had
been caused by strangulation. There
were signs also that the body had been
dragged some distance. These signs
were traced back into Government
House itself. There were no eye-
witnesses, either of the crime or of the
dragging of the body. It would be
necessary to depend on circumstantial
evidence to bring home the charge.

The victim was a widow, 44 years
of age, and had been employed, with
her three sons, at No. 56, the Peak.
The prisoner, Tong Tim, had been
employed for ten years at Govern-
ment House as a house-coolie, his
duties being to keep certain rooms on
the first floor in order. He slept in
the servants' quarters.

The deceased and the prisoner had
been on friendly terms for about ten
years, and the former had been in the
habit of visiting the prisoner, at
Government House, usually on Sun-
days. She had no other friends
among the servants at Government
House. There were also business
relations between the two of them.
About 15 months ago, being short of
money, the prisoner had formed a
loan association. There were 21
shares in all; of these the deceased
held two shares; and some of the
servants of Government House held
ten shares among them.

About 11 o'clock on the morning
of Sunday, January 2, the deceased
after expressing her intention of going
down to Government House to see the
prisoner, left the Peak. She had in
her possession not less than \$30,
given her by her son. She tried sev-
eral times that day to see the prisoner
and ultimately succeeded. She was
last seen alive at 8 p.m.

Evidence would be called to show
that the crime was committed in the
bathroom attached to the supper room
at Government House—a part of the
building to which the prisoner had no
right of access. But the servant
whose duty it was to inspect the sup-
per room and lock it at night placed
the key in a position which must have
been within the knowledge of the
prisoner. This room was usually un-
occupied between 8 and 9 p.m. and
the servants were principally occupied
at that time in the dining-room. The
prisoner, however, would not be
working then.

Between 8 and 9 p.m. that evening,
Capt. Warner, private secretary to
the Governor, was in the lounge when
he was disturbed by a noise which he
took to be a suppressed scream. He
sent a servant to try and find out what
it was, but the man made no dis-
covery and, hearing nothing more,
Capt. Warner let the matter drop.
The prosecution suggested that this
scream was the prelude of the crime.

The following morning, about 6.45
o'clock, a lamp lighter going his
rounds to extinguish lamps, noticed
that lamp 305 was out. The unusual
incident particularly attracted his at-
tention. On his way to the next lamp
he found the body of the deceased.
The police were notified and Inspec-
tor Appleton discovered the trail by
which the body had been dragged from
Government House. Certain traces
of blood were the principal indications
of this. The trail was traced back,
through the Government House
grounds, across a grass plot, along
the verandah, into the supper-room,
and so to the bathroom in the pas-
sage of which was found a small pool
of blood. The Crown suggested that
the prisoner extinguished the street
lamp before he removed the body, so
that it might not light up his dark
deeds. In the bathroom was found
human hair which on a microscopical
examination was found to be similar
in every respect to the hair of the
deceased. The prisoner's strange
manner on the morning after the
crime attracted the attention of his
fellow-servants; he was also seen
with a cloth in the vicinity of the
supper-room where his duties ordi-
narily would not take him. Witnesses
would say that he seemed frightened
and excited. As he was known to be
acquainted with the deceased, Inspec-
tor Appleton took him to the Mortu-
ary to assist in the identification. He
exhibited great reluctance to go
near the body and when he saw it
denied that he knew whose body it
was. The prosecution suggested rob-
bery as the motive of the crime.
When arrested the prisoner had one
dollar in his pocket and 43 dollars hid-
den in his clothing. His hands bore
indications that he had recently en-
gaged in a struggle.

Dr. H. H. Scott, Superintendent of
the Victoria Mortuary and Govern-

BUNGALOW CASE.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES.

SUMMARY COURT ACTION.

An interesting suit involving dam-
age alleged to have been done to
adjacent property by the building of
a bungalow, was set for hearing in
the Summary Court this morning be-
fore the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice
Wood. The plaintiff is the Rev.
Father A. Henriques, who is suing
Mr. George Theodore Lam for \$205.
The plaintiff's solicitors are Johnson,
Stokes and Master; the defendant's
are Lo and Lo. Owing to the indis-
position of Mr. Lo the case was
postponed and a new date for
hearing will be set on Friday.

The plaintiff resides at Shiu Hing
in the Province of Kwangtung and
is a clerk in Holy Orders. He is the
owner of Kowloon Island Lot No.
1318, which he acquired about
February 12, 1919.

The defendant resides at Victoria,
and is the owner of Kowloon Island
Lot No. 1321, contiguous to the
plaintiff's property. He acquired it
about November 5, 1919.

The plaintiff alleges that in 1918
he built two bungalows with a
compound and boundary walls, com-
pleting them about March, 1919.
In 1920 the defendant commenced
building operations on his lot. The
plaintiff was entitled to have his com-
pound and boundary walls supported
by the soil and land adjacent to his
compound. The defendant, he says,
wrongfully removed the support of
the soil and omitted to shore up or
otherwise secure the plaintiff's com-
pound and boundary walls. As a
result, he says, his walls and com-
pound were damaged.

In particular, he alleges, cement
concrete surfacing of the compound
has subsided and cracked and requires
taking up and relaying with cement
to the thickness of 4 inches, and re-
surfacing over an area of about 50
square yards, including the repairing
of the surface channels affected.
The boundary wall for a length of
60 feet or thereabout has cracked
and is leaning outwards slightly
towards the defendant's building, and
the cracks require to be filled up with
cement. The defendant, he says,
has erected within 10 feet of the
plaintiff's compound and boundary
walls a building, part of which
within such 10 feet extends to a
lower level than the foundations of
the plaintiff's boundary walls; omit-
ting, in breach of the ordinance,
giving him due notice.

The defendant denies that the
plaintiff was or is intruded or acquired
any right to have his compound and
boundary walls incumbered with
buildings supported by the soil and
land subjacent and adjacent thereto.
He admits he made excavations on
his land, but denies that he made
them adjacent to the land of the
plaintiff without leaving proper sup-
port for the plaintiff's land or his
compound and boundary walls, or
that the plaintiff has suffered any
damage thereby.

The defendant denies that he was
guilty of negligence and says that the
alleged damage was not caused by
any of his acts, but from the nature
of the plaintiff's soil, which consists
of fillings, and from the weight of
the buildings in the defendants land
causing compression of the soil in the
plaintiff's land.

Further, he says that the damage
was caused by the plaintiff's
negligence in building the boundary
wall on the extreme edge of the
concrete foundation next to the
defendant's lot, instead of allowing
the foundation to project equally on
both sides. By reason of this faulty
construction, he says, rain percolating
through the surface of the defendant's
land caused the wall to settle on one
side only, towards the defendant's
lot.

ment Bacteriologist, was the first wit-
ness for the prosecution. He said he
made a post-mortem examination of
the deceased at 9.30 a.m. on Janu-
ary 3. There were horizontal marks
round the neck, a large bruise on the
head, a small punctured wound over
the right eye-brow and other slight
marks of injury. There were abra-
sions and much dirt on the fronts of
both thighs, the directions of the
scratches being from above down-
wards. The face was cyanosed, and
the tongue was protruding. The in-
ternal signs showed that death was
due to asphyxiation; the organs were
otherwise healthy. The injuries did
not appear to have been self-inflicted.
From the appearance of the thighs the
body had been dragged face down-
wards and head foremost. Death
must have occurred about ten hours
before his examination. He had made
the comparison of the hair found with
that of the deceased and found it
similar. Various blood stains and
clothes found on leaves of trees, in
Government House, and on the pris-
oner's coat had proved on examina-
tion to be human blood.

Mr. Sutton, Public Works Depart-
ment, put in a plan of Government
House and its vicinity; Mr. J. W.
Draklin, custodian of Government
House, explained the arrangement of
the various rooms and corridors.
The hearing was adjourned.

[HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.]

MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.

LIST OF THE RESULTS.

The results of the Hongkong
University Matriculation Examination
held in December 1920 are as follow:

SHANGHAI.
Bau Tsu Zung, 53 Medhurst College,
Wong Zung Pui, 54 Medhurst Col-
lege.
Dung Tse Tse, 57 Public School for
Chinese.
Oong Teh Zee, 59 Public School for
Chinese.
Wang Sze Yuen, 60 Public School for
Chinese.
Hu Cheng En, 61 Public School for
Chinese.
F. Z. Chun, 64 Public School for
Chinese.
Z. Z. Drun, 65 Public School for
Chinese.
C. Z. Ma, 66 Public School for
Chinese.
Chang Nyee Tsung, 69 Ellis Kadoorie
School.
Wong Chang Woo, 72 St. Francis
Xavier's.
Vickramjee Vicerjee, 74 Thomas
Hambury School for Boys.
Koo Tuh Yong, 77 St. Francis
Xavier's.

The following Candidates have fail-
ed in the Matriculation Examination,
but are eligible for Senior Local
Certificates:
Ian Tsung Kiu, 51 Medhurst College.
Yang Chi Tshang, 52 Medhurst Col-
lege.
Shou Piao, 50 Public School for
Chinese.
Lai Shaw Wei, 63 Public School for
Chinese.
Mo Ding Yuen, 73 St. Francis
Xavier's.
L. A. Lewis, 75 Private Study.
Zi Ing San, 78 St. Francis Xavier's.

TUOHANG.
Li Lo Chih, 315 Wesley College.
So Chung Hui, 317 Wesley College.
Lu Tong Pang, 318 Wesley College.
Candidate Cheng Chung 311 is
entitled to a Senior Certificate.

HANKOW.
Chao Chung An, 301 Griffith John
College.
Liu Fong Wu, 306 Griffith John Col-
lege.

The following Candidates have fail-
ed in the Matriculation Examination,
but are eligible for Senior Local
Certificates:

HANKOW.
Chang Li Wen, 300 Griffith John
College.
Li Kwei Fong, 305 Griffith John Col-
lege.
Wong Ai Chiang, 308 Griffith John
College.

JUNIOR LOCAL.

SHANGHAI.
Tseng Sau Sai, 121 Nien Chih Kwei
Public School.
Yui Zong Chen, 122 Nien Chih Kwei
Public School.
Kwan Peh Chien, 124 Medhurst Col-
lege.

Zien Zui Men, 128 Medhurst Col-
lege.
Sung Tshah Siang, 135 Ellis Kadoorie
School.
Yang Zur Pao, 139 Ellis Kadoorie
School.

Woo Loh Dee, 142 Ellis Kadoorie
School, Distinction in Chinese.
Wong Vong Ming, 143 Public School
for Chinese, Distinction in Chi-
nese.

Chang Chi Piao, 145 Public School
for Chinese.
King Yiu Quen, 146 Public School
for Chinese.

Wong Chin Sou, 147 Public School
for Chinese.
Bong Zung Sung, 143 Public School
for Chinese.

Gee Waite, 151 Public School for
Chinese.
Ede Foh Zien, 152 Public School for
Chinese.

Chang Hung Nien, 153 Public School
for Chinese, Distinction in
Chemistry.

Zao Zou Ting, 154 Public School for
Chinese, Distinction in Drawing.
Koh Che Ling, 156 Public School for
Chinese.

Woo Tso Han, 157 Public School for
Chinese.
Li Ding Fong, 158 Public School for
Chinese.

Ho Hsiao Hsen, 160 Public School
for Chinese.
Yeh Mee Zung, 161 Public School
for Chinese.

HANKOW.
Chen Chi Tsan, 216 Griffith John
College, Distinction in Mathe-
matics.

Chiang Ta Wei, 217 Griffith John
College.
Hwang Shih Ping, 218 Griffith John
College.

Koh Kwan Seng, 219 Griffith John
College, Distinction in Arith-
metic, Chinese, Mathematics,
and Biblical Knowledge.

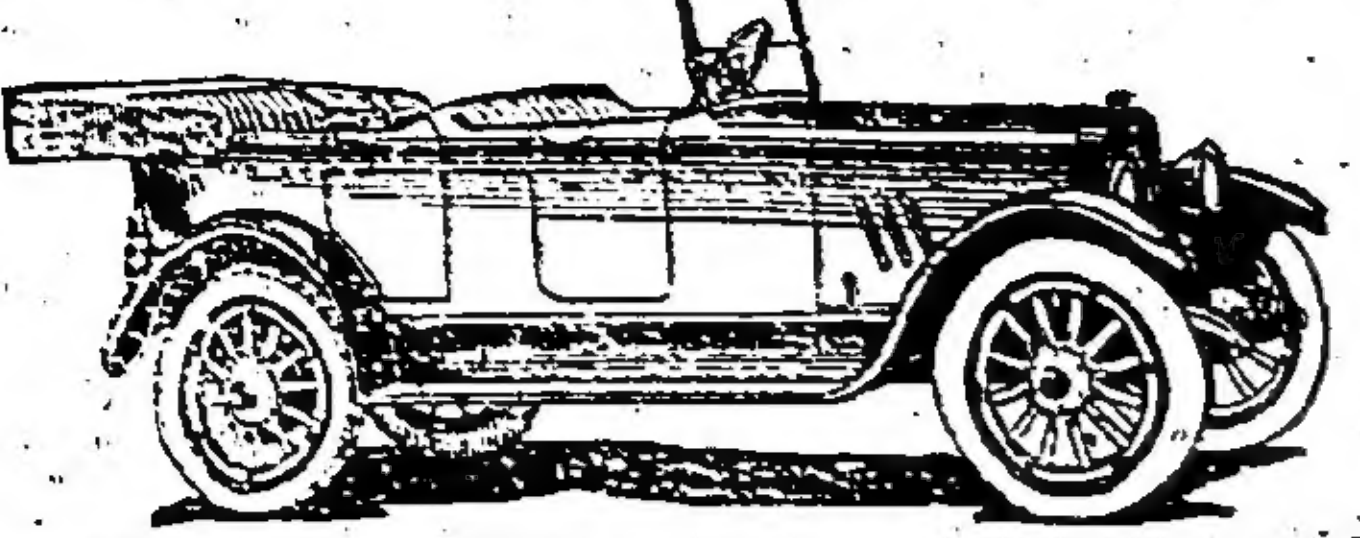
Loo Kuo Ping, 220 Griffith John Col-
lege.
Li Yen Tze, 221 Griffith John Col-
lege, Distinction in Chinese.

Teng Peh Lien, 222 Griffith John Col-
lege.
Wu Chang Ching, 223 Griffith John
College, Distinction in Arith-
metic.

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MILITARY CIRCLES CONDEMN CHANGES

DELHI, January 24.

In connection with the Indian Army reductions it is understood that proposals have been sent home for the immediate employment of the officers who will be demobilised by the formation of special units which will be available for service overseas and will be maintained at the expense of the Imperial Government. Meanwhile the 39 regiments of Indian cavalry are being reformed into 21 by a process of amalgamation. After the completion of this scheme 39 infantry battalions will be demobilised. The Air Force is being reduced by two squadrons and the remaining force will be improved. Military circles generally condemn the weakening of the army which is said to be purely the outcome of the financial position coupled with the Indian outcry at the heavy cost of the army. Indian politicians insist that the contentment of the Indians is a bigger insurance than costly armed forces.

SUBMARINE DISASTER.

K5'S ALLEGED ABNORMAL DIVING QUALITIES.

FORMER TROUBLES.

LONDON, January 24.

A former member of the crew of the K5, in an interview, declares that the submarine caused trouble at Rosyth last May while diving. The submarine seemed to take a charge and went to the bottom at a steep angle. They were then down two hours. Her diving qualities were generally described as abnormal. He also revealed that the craft recently gave trouble between Chatham and Portsmouth.

BELGIAN LOAN FLOATED IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK, January 24.

The \$30,000,000 loan negotiated by the Belgian Government with the Guaranty Trust Company and Messrs. Morgan was over subscribed. The loan was issued at par interest at 8 per cent.

CORK MAN'S APPEAL.

EXECUTION POSTPONED THREE TIMES.

LONDON, January 25.

Murphy's execution has been again postponed, the third time, until February 2, in consequence of the hearing of his appeal not having terminated.

[A London cable dated January 17 stated:—The High Court is hearing an appeal by a Cork man named Murphy against a court martial death sentence for participation in an ambush. Leave to appeal was granted by the Chief Justice after a strong agitation on behalf of Murphy whose innocence is asserted. The Court adjourned the application until January 24, suspending the execution, which should be carried out on January 19, until January 26. The grant of an appeal against a court martial is without precedent.]

A FATAL SPARK.

MANY KILLED IN BIG PETROL TANK CAR EXPLOSION.

MEMPHIS, January 24.

It is believed that over a score were killed and many injured in an explosion of a big petrol tank car which threw flaming oil on the houses of negroes, starting a serious fire. Many occupants of the houses are missing. A spark from the chisel of a workman caulking the tank is said to have caused the accident.

AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING STRIKE OFF.

MELBOURNE, January 24.

A mass meeting declared the shipping strike off. A similar meeting is being held in Sydney.

LATER.

Mass meetings of stewards at Sydney and Brisbane decided to resume work.

MEXICAN OIL.

BIG INCREASE IN EXPORT TAX.

WASHINGTON, January 25.

An increase of approximately 30 per cent in the export tax on oil is provided for in the petroleum tax revision proposals of the Mexican Government. It is expected that the increase will become effective in February unless producers can convince the Government that the tax is unjust.

SERIOUS INDIAN RIOTS.

ANNIHILATION OF POLICE THREATENED.

A SPECIAL TROOP TRAIN.

ALLAHABAD, January 25.

There has been a recrudescence of the rioting which occurred in the Fyzabad district last week. At present 10,000 demonstrators and more are pouring in with the alleged object of annihilating the police. A special troop train is being dispatched from Lucknow.

AMERICAN MEAT-PACKING INDUSTRIES.

WASHINGTON, January 24.

The Senate has passed a Bill for the Federal regulation of the meat-packing and allied industries.

BOUGHT FOR \$5.

"MUI TSAI" SYSTEM AGAIN.

MORE ALLEGED CRUELTY.

CHILD DOMESTIC INTERROGATED.

Another case of cruelty to a maid was heard by Magistrate Lindell at the Magistracy this morning. The defendant, a Chinese woman living in Cochrane Street, said that she had never inflicted unnecessary suffering on the child, adding: "Her face was the same as when she first came to me some years ago."

Dr. W. B. A. Moore, Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital, deposed that the child was brought to the hospital on January 17, with scabs on her face and head. She had a boil on the back of the right wrist and some dry scabs on the upper part of the left arm and on the right thigh. On the right leg he found an abscess, while on the left thigh were other scabs.

By the Magistrate: The witness could not say how these injuries were caused. They might be due to scratching. They were very old scars. The Magistrate: Could they be attributed to illness?—No, there were no traces of any skin disease to account for the scratches.

The witness said that he had examined the girl for scabies but could find no trace of the disease or any other skin disease. The girl was fairly well nourished.

By the Magistrate: The witness was unable to form an opinion as to how the scars were caused.

Inspector McKay, who prosecuted, said that the girl was found crying in Cochrane Street and taken to the Central Station by a Chinese gentleman.

In the course of a statement made at the station the child alleged that the defendant made her work from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. The marks on her head, face and body, she said, were caused by the defendant who often beat her, sometimes with firewood and sometimes with the back of a chopper. The mark on her mouth, she alleged, was made by the defendant with a pair of pincers. The child ended her statement by saying that she had risen late that morning owing to the fact that she had stayed up until 2 a.m., knitting a scarf. "When I found that I was late," she had said, "I was afraid to face my mistress, so I ran away."

The defendant, when arrested and charged, denied beating the girl, and claimed to have bought her for \$5 some years ago. The child's mother is dead. Her father was still living in Hongkong, but was out of work.

The Magistrate: Is child capable of giving evidence?—Yes.

Let us hear her. The girl who was blind in one eye, looked very dirty and unkempt as she walked into the witness box. Although she looked much younger, she gave her age to the Magistrate as 13 years. She said she was married.

The Magistrate: Who to?—(No reply.)

Is your mistress kind to you?—The master is kind to me, but the mistress is not good.

How long have you been with her?—A long time.

How is she unkind to you?—(No reply.)

You will not have to go back to her place, so you need not be afraid to speak the truth. She used to beat me with a rattan and sometimes with firewood.

How many times during the month?—More than once, but I cannot remember how many times.

—The defendant: You stole 50 cents from me?—I did not. How could I?

The Magistrate: How did you get those scars?—I scratched myself and the skin broke. Those on the body, I mean.

The Magistrate said that he did not think he could convict the defendant on the girl's evidence. Dr. Moore had said that the scars could have been caused by scratching, and the child had told the Court that she had caused them herself by scratching.

Inspector McKay pointed out that in her statement at the station the child had said that the defendant beat her with a rattan and a chopper. The Magistrate said that as she refused to repeat that statement in Court, he had no option but to discharge the defendant on the evidence before him, but he would direct that the girl be taken care of by the S. C. A.

SHIP OWNERS SUED.

CAPTAIN ROBINSON'S CASE.

ALLEGED WRONGFUL DISMISSAL.

Hearing of the suit of Captain Harold Percy Robinson, former master of the steamer "Haitan," against the owners of the vessel, the Man Wing Steamship Co., Ltd., for \$1,000 damages for alleged wrongful dismissal, began in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Wood. The plaintiff was represented by Mr. Hind of G. K. Hall, Brimley & Co.; the defendants by Mr. Lewis of Johnson, Stokes and Master.

The plaintiff alleged that he was entitled to \$1,440, being three

months' wages at \$480 a month, in lieu of notice, but he waived \$440 in order to bring the case in the jurisdiction of the Summary Court. He was dismissed on November 4, 1920. The "Haitan" runs between Hongkong and Singapore.

"THE YELLOW DRAGON."

QUEEN'S COLLEGE PUBLICATION.

AN INTERESTING NUMBER.

The January number of *The Yellow Dragon*, the school publication of Queen's College, which has just been received, is bright and interesting, and filled with entertaining accounts of the activities of the students. It contains numerous news paragraphs, lively editorial comment, adequate descriptions of the sporting contests that the school's teams have engaged in, and full accounts of recent college functions, including the theatrical performances given for the benefit of the Famine and War Relief funds, the educational walks that have become so popular, and various other events.

Not the least interesting is the report of the debates held by the Class 1 Debating Society. The claim "that European dress is superior to Chinese dress" was defeated by 16 votes to 6. The affirmative, however, won on the question that "the first has educational significance," it being argued convincingly that all students ought to learn boxing. Similarly the affirmative won, by the overwhelming vote of 17 to 4, in the debate on the question that "Co-education is a good system."

CORRESPONDENCE.

"ADVERSARIUS" REPROVED BY SCIENTIST.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir,—My attention has just been called to certain remarks of "Adversaria" appearing in your issue of the 22nd inst. This is his second attack. I cannot understand why "Adversaria" should be so insulting and ungentlemanly. He once confessed that he was troubled with a disordered liver, and maybe he is still suffering from the same ailment? He writes:—"I would like to see those cordial acknowledgments, and their dates. If this local 'scientist' cares to let us see the originals, the *China Mail* will publish them in full." I may point out that the several acknowledgments referred to are sealed official documents received from these great and famous Universities and Scientific Institutions during the months of December 1920 and January 1921, and provided "Adversaria" is willing to publicly apologise for his childish indiscretions, I shall be glad to let him see all these acknowledgments, if he will walk into my Office at any time to suit his convenience. However, I don't think space could be found in the *China Mail* for the publication of all the kind and cordial acknowledgments which I have received up to date, and besides I do not wish to bore your readers with their publication or to give "Adversaria" the chance of again calling me the "comical local 'Scientist'."

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"KAROWNA"	7,000	15th Feb.	Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	15th Feb.	Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

S. S.	Tons	From	Destination
"JAPAN"	8,000	15th Jan.	Shanghai and Japan.
"LAURE"	8,000	15th Jan.	Shanghai and Japan.
"KAROWNA"	7,000	15th Jan.	Shanghai and Japan.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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EASTERN EXTENSION
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FAR EASTERN SERVICE.

IMPROVEMENT CONTEMPLATED.

The eighty-sixth ordinary general meeting was held on December 14, at Electric House, Finsbury Pavement, London, Sir J. Denison-Pender, G.B.E., K.C.M.G. (the Chairman), presiding.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said the delay in holding the meeting did not prevent the payment at the usual time of the final dividend for 1919, the total distribution being 10 per cent. free of income tax, against 3 per cent. for 1918. The accounts were highly satisfactory. The gross receipts were roundly £2,446,000, against £2,070,000, an increase of £376,000, notwithstanding the fact that in 1918 the revenue was £562,000 more than in 1917. For the current year the traffic was being well maintained. There had been a considerable addition to the working and other expenses, which amounted to £961,000, against £620,000 in 1918, but the reduction of Excess Profits Duty from 80 per cent. in 1918 to 40 per cent. in 1919 reduced the expenditure by £455,000. The principal items of increased expenditure are: Additional payments to staff and other expenses in connection with the war, £109,000; additional expenses attending the maintenance of cables, £33,000; and war taxation in Netherlands India, amounting to £115,000, which added together, represent £257,000.

The war taxation in Netherlands India was unexpectedly imposed towards the end of 1917, and made retrospective from 1914. The payment covers six years' war tax from 1914 to 1919 inclusive. It has been agreed with the Indian Revenue Authorities here that the company shall receive relief for Excess Profits Duty in England, at the rates applicable to the years in which the liability occurred, and, applying this principle to the Netherlands Indian war taxation, the company is relieved to the extent of £70,000; in addition to which, there will be a further relief of 6s. in the £ for income tax, amounting to £13,000, making the net payment for the Netherlands Indian war tax only £31,000. The balance we now hope to deal with is £1,041,000, plus the balance of £41,000 brought forward from 1918, making together £1,082,000. Out of this we have distributed £300,000 in payment of the 10 per cent. dividend, and now propose to transfer to the general reserve fund £350,000, also to make a further provision of £200,000 on account of investment fluctuations, and carry forward £232,000. Your directors consider it advisable to retain this large sum owing to the uncertainty prevailing regarding taxation liability, and to the large expenditure required in the near future for developing and improving the company's service in the Far East. The additional cable which we have arranged to lay between Madras and Singapore, of large carrying capacity, is now in course of manufacture, and is expected to be laid and opened for traffic early next year. The existing two cables between Madras and Penang are, at times, taxed to their utmost capacity. You will remember that the Great Northern Telegraph Company's through route to the Far East materially assisted in carrying the China and Japan traffic up to 1914, when it became interrupted and is not yet restored. Consequently, our cables are still carrying this traffic in addition to the large increases in other directions. When the Great Northern route is again working we shall be relieved of some of the traffic, but in any case, the new cable will benefit the telegraphing public, and therefore, we have no hesitation in incurring the expenditure for the additional cable between Madras and Singapore. Although the issue of the new share capital was outside the accounts for 1919, the directors considered it advisable to inform the shareholders that all the new shares had been allotted, with the exception of 2,165 representing the fractional shares. These would be disposed of, for the benefit of the shareholders entitled to the same.

The resolution was unanimously adopted, and the dividend of 10 per cent., tax free, paid for year ended December 31, 1919, approved. The retiring directors, Mr. J. C. Denison-Pender, M.P., and Sir A. J. Leppock Cappel, K.C.I.E., were re-elected, and the auditors re-appointed. A cordial vote of thanks to the chairman, directors, general manager, and staff terminated the proceedings.

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Caripile	7	5	0	2	17	6	10
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BOLD PIRATES.
HONGKONG LAUNCH ROBBED.
\$10,000 HAUL.

How a gang of twenty armed robbers boarded a trading launch in Hongkong as passengers, and when the vessel was on high seas held up the crew and passengers while they stole property and money valued at \$10,000, was told by Tang Kau, the master of the steam launch "Kung-hong," which arrived in harbour yesterday on the return trip from Shanni, in Chinese waters.

Tang said that he left Hongkong at 6.20 a.m., on January 22, with 120 passengers and 30 tons of general cargo bound for Shanni. About 2.30 p.m., as the vessel was passing the isolated Tungshui rocks in Chinese waters, twenty of the passengers suddenly produced revolvers and held up the others on board. While a few stood guard, the others ransacked the launch, breaking open all the passengers' luggage and stealing money and jewellery to the value of \$10,000. From Tang's cabin they took two revolvers and a Winchester rifle, and about \$1,000 in Chinese 20-cent pieces. Taking charge of the launch, the robbers headed her towards Fan-wukong where they halted two fishing

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"STENTOR"	11th Mar.	London, Amsterdam, & Antwerp

LIVERPOOL SERVICE

	(Direct or via Continental Ports)	
"ANCHISES"	5th Feb.	Liverpool & Glasgow
"KNIGHT TEMPLAR"	8th Feb.	Genoa, Havre & Liverpool
"LYCAON"	16th Feb.	Marseilles & Liverpool
"TITAN"	1st Mar.	Genoa, Havre, L'pool & Glasgow

PACIFIC SERVICE

	(via Kobe and Yokohama)	
"PROTEUS"	1st Feb.	Victoria, Seattle, Tacoma and Vancouver
"TEUCER"	17th Feb.	
"TALTRYBIUS"	10th Mar.	

NEW YORK SERVICE

	(via Suez or Panama)	
"AGAMEMNON"	via Suez	28th January

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"MENTOR"	22nd Feb.	for London
"TERESIAS"	1st March	for London
"STENTOR"	11th March	for London
"IDOMENEUS"	12th April	for Liverpool
"PYRRHUS"	3rd May	for London
"ANCHISES"	21st June	for Liverpool
"MENTOR"	5th July	for Liverpool
"TERESIAS"	19th July	for Liverpool

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FROM	PER
Shanghai	Ningpo
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 28.	
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 30.	
Straits and Calcutta	Bombay Maru

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FOR	PER	TIME
Port Bayard	Poodle	5 p.m.
Philippine Islands	Tauca	5 p.m.
Philippine Islands	Straits	5 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27.		
Hoihow and Haiphong	Taksan	9 a.m.
"Shanghai," "North China," "Japan," "Canada," "United States," "Central and South America," "EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.," "Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m."	Kashima Maru	
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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Noon
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Philippine Islands	Achille	3 p.m.
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 28.		
Swatow, Amoy and Takao	Southern Maru	9 a.m.
"Shanghai and North China	Dr. Pierre Benoit	10 a.m.
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Batavia	Triton	1 p.m.
Shanghai and North China	Summit	2 p.m.
Port Bayard, Hoihow and Haiphong	Hanoi	5 p.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29.		
Philippine Islands	Yuenang	2 p.m.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30.		
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Swatow and Bangkok	Hanyang	3 p.m.
Shanghai and North China	Kingking	5 a.m.
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"Swatow," "Amoy and Keelung," "Swatow, Amoy and Foochow," "Pakhoi and Haiphong"	Amakura Maru	9 a.m.
	Haihong	9 a.m.
	Kaifong	9 a.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1.		
"Swatow and Bangkok"	Chengta	8 a.m.
Shanghai, "Shanghai and North China," "Amoy," "Swatow, Amoy and Foochow," "Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta and ADEEN"	Duners	11 a.m.
	Sedman	11 a.m.
	Hailong	11 a.m.
	Namang	1 p.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4.		
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The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, 4th Feb., at Noon.		
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15.		
Japan, Honolulu, and SAN FRANCISCO	Bayo Maru	11 a.m.

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THE DENNISTON PLAYERS.

SUCCESSFUL FIRST NIGHT.

"SHE WALKED IN HER SLEEP."

The Denniston players opened their season at the Theatre Royal last night, presenting to a good house, the farce "She walked in her sleep," in a most successful manner. The piece is a farce of the first order with a laugh every second. "The main characters are a husband with a wife who still trusts him, another husband whose wife knows him, a sympathetic mother-in-law, a doctor, a servant and a somnambulist. The husbands and the doctor are early on the scene having met at a hotel, the first was to deal with some business and the other to practise his art on a sleep walker. The two partners receive a tube of explosive for analysis but as one of them is studying a contract the tube is purloined by a scantily dressed lady who comes in by the window. It is the sleep walker, but Bruce hasn't seen her. Discovering the loss of the tube he seeks the help of Mamie, offering a reward of \$500 if she finds it. She asks what it is but he can't tell her. In flight he disappears. The next to encounter the sleep walker, who has a distressing habit of clinging to perfect strangers is Charles Prescott. She walks into the room and embraces him and all his efforts to get rid of her are unavailing. Mother-in-law comes in and finds her, but she doesn't make a fuss and assist her distressed son. Then, while the stranger is still in the bedroom Prescott's wife comes in. She insists on entering the room but the visitor has conveniently departed, leaving behind, however, her hat. This Mrs. Prescott finds, but her suspicious questions are answered by her husband telling her that it is a birthday present for her. So the husbands' look for the tube, while their wives search for the owner of the hat. Needless to say there are heaps of entanglements to be straightened out for instance the doctor endeavours to instil in the mind of the servant the rudiments of sleep-walking, but his efforts are hardly a success, especially as the real one is awakened and handed to her with a string on her ankle. Miss Florence Chapman as the servant was a great success and but improved the reputation she made at the Company's last visit for clever acting. She received able support from Mr. W. Vaughan Morgan and Mr. W. D. Howard, the latter as the doctor. Miss Warda Howard had the part of the trusting wife and with Miss Pressy Preston as her companion in sorrow, contributed largely to the success and the piece. Mr. Leo Kennedy was well suited in his part as Charles Prescott as was Miss Valentine Sidney as Katherine Prescott. Tonight the Company play "The Eyes of Youth."

MIROVA AND PODOLSKY.

MATINEE TO-MORROW.

THE PROGRAMME.

The cordial reception given to Miss Vera Mirova, the classic dancer, and Mr. Leo Podolsky, at their appearance at the Theatre Royal last evening, adds interest to the return performance they will give to-morrow afternoon at 5.30 at St. Andrew's Hall. Few entertainments given in Hongkong have made such an impression as the first appearance of these distinguished artists, and consequently there promises to be a very large attendance at to-morrow's matinee. The programme to be given is as follows:

- 1.—Bach-Liszt—Lamentations and Crucifix—Leo Podolsky.
- 2.—Menuet—Paderewsky—Vera Mirova.

(INTERVAL 3 MINUTES.)

- 3.—Anitra's Dance—Grieg—Vera Mirova.
- 4.—Chopin—Nocturne & Polonaise—Leo Podolsky.
- 5.—Valse (by request)—Chopin—Vera Mirova.

(INTERVAL)

- 6.—Humoresque—Dvorak—Vera Mirova.

A dragon-fly is gaily fluttering among flowers growing on the edge of a pond. In the water she suddenly sees reflected the lowering clouds of an approaching storm and trembles with fear. When rain falls she seeks shelter and as the clouds roll away and the sun re-appears her happy mood returns.

- 7.—(a) K. Symmas—Prelude d'orchestre—Vera Mirova.
- (b) N. Medtner—The lyric page—Leo Podolsky.
- (c) Cl. Debussy—La fille aux cheveux de lin—Vera Mirova.
- (d) Strauss—Paraphrase on Schurtz—"The Bat"—Leo Podolsky.

- 8.—Mazurka—Godard—Vera Mirova.

A young bride recognises her lover among the crowd of admiring village spectators. She invites him to join her in the dance and teasingly hares him. Afterwards he relents and wishes to join when she in turn refuses to dance with him.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

THE CORONET

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JAN. 28.	"UP IN MABEL'S ROOM"
SAT.	The Merry-making once more laugh
JAN. 29.	"PLEASE GET MARRIED"
MON.	The play that was meant to make people laugh
JAN. 31.	"THE GIRL FROM RECTORS"

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ARMED ROBBERY TRIALS.

CUTTLEFISH LAMB CASE.

FIVE CONSPIRATORS JAILED.

Before Magistrate Orme yesterday afternoon five Chinese were charged with having committed an armed robbery in a house in Cuttlefish Lane, West Point. According to the police, the accused were arrested in two empty houses in the vicinity of the robbery. One man attempted to use a revolver but was disarmed by a Chinese detective. The prisoner then escaped to an adjoining house by the verandah. He was followed by the detective and arrested hiding under a bed. The major portion of the stolen property was discovered in the prisoners' possession. One man was actually wearing three of the silk coats he had stolen while others had stolen jewellery hidden in the toe ends of their shoes.

The Magistrate committed the accused to stand their trial at the Criminal Sessions.

In the second case, the five Chinese arrested by the police in a tea-shop in West Point, where they had met to discuss plans for an armed robbery, were charged with the unlawful possession of daggers, guns, and materials for making guns. The Magistrate convicted all the accused and sentenced the first two to 12 months' hard labour, one to 6 months, one to 3 months, and the other to six weeks.

Seven members of the crew of an unlicensed fishing junk charged with the unlawful possession of 1,675.5 taels of prepared non-Government opium and 60 taels of raw opium, were this morning remanded by Magistrate Orme until Friday on the application of Mr. J. M. Hall, who appeared for the defence.

The expression, "the present Chief Justice," in an editorial note in yesterday's *China Mail*, did not refer to the present acting C.J., but was meant for Sir William Rees Davies. Finding that one reader was misled by it, we make this note in case there were others.

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